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## Memphians pay ninth lowest utility bill in U.S.

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A survey of 35 metropolitan areas has shown Memphis has the lowest combined utility bill in Tennessee and the ninth lowest utility bill in the U.S.

**Memphis Light, Gas and Water** conducted the survey among other utilities across the country based on average customer usages during the winter months.

Combined electric, natural gas, water and wastewater bills in Memphis during the winter averaged \$334.93. Denver has the lowest bill in the country at \$232.14, while New York had the highest at \$627.11.

In Tennessee, Memphis ranked above Nashville, Jackson, Chattanooga and Knoxville on lowest average bill price. Earlier this month, the **Tennessee Valley Authority** announced a 7 percent rate decrease in its fuel cost adjustment rate that could save the average MLGW customer up to \$6 on their electric bills compared to the first quarter of 2009.

"There are few cities that can say they have lower bills than ours," Jerry Collins, president and CEO of MLGW, said in a statement. "That is something that every Memphian should be aware of and proud to say."